

Five Swedish Municipalities Discuss Environmental Challenges with DOE, Commerce and 1000 U.S. Cities

Sweden was the only country outside the U.S. invited to the 2011 National League of Cities' annual conference in Washington, DC. Five leading Swedish municipalities in the environmental field (Helsingborg, Huddinge, Stockholm, Sundsvall and Växjö) shared best practices with over 1000 U.S. cities. The delegation blogged about their "energetic session" with DOE on the Clean Cities Initiative, where they discussed sustainable fuel solutions. They also met U.S. companies and Assistant Secretary of Commerce Suresh Kumar, and discussed how to generate business from work on renewable energy and sustainable buildings.

U.S. Firm SpotScout Shortlisted for Stockholm's Intelligent Transport Award

The City of Stockholm announced that Somerville, Massachusetts company SpotScot made its list of five technologies chosen by an international expert panel from 245 entries for the Living Labs Global Award 2011. Nominees must provide innovative, customer-oriented services to for sustainable transport. SpotScout is a real-time parking spot exchange marketplace for daily or hourly parking supplied through a primary web application and associated mobile applications. It minimizes wasteful practices and unsafe driving from scouting out parking spaces. Winners will be announced at the Stockholm Summit on Service Innovation in Cities on May 12th 2011, bringing together leaders from 30 global cities and 100 companies.

American Environmental Scientist Wins 2011 Stockholm Water Prize

Stephen R. Carpenter, Professor of Zoology and Limnology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been awarded the 2011 Stockholm Water Prize for groundbreaking research combining theoretical models and large-scale lake experiments to show how lake ecosystems are impacted by humans and the surrounding landscape. His findings formed the basis for solutions on how to manage lakes. The Stockholm Water Prize Nominating Committee emphasized the importance of his contributions in helping understand how people affect lakes through nutrient loading, fishing, and introduction of exotic species.

Gothenburg University and Indiana University Study to be Headed by Nobel Prize Laureate

The University of Gothenburg and Indiana University are taking part in a three-year, \$2.4 million Swedish government-backed study on natural resource management. The project builds on work by Indiana University political scientist and 2009 Nobel Prize winner Elinor Ostrom. Researchers at Indiana University's Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis will participate in the project to extend the study of resource management, social-ecological systems and related topics.

Swedish SKF Builds LEED Certified Factory in China

Swedish bearings supplier SKF will meet U.S.-originated LEED standards in building a new factory in Jinan, China. The factory will mainly manufacture tapered roller bearings and truck hub units for automobiles and trucks, and serve industrial markets and vehicle aftermarket.

GE Installs New Wind Turbine Technology in Gothenburg

General Electric has signed a contract to supply a 4.1-113, four-megawatt wind turbine, and associated services, to Göteborg Energi for installation in the Gothenburg, Sweden harbor in the second half of 2011. This project is supported by the Swedish Energy Agency.

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